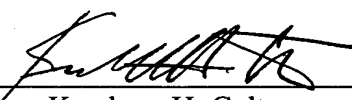


**REMARKS**

Please enter the May 16, 2002 Amendment and this Preliminary Amendment too. Favorable action is requested.

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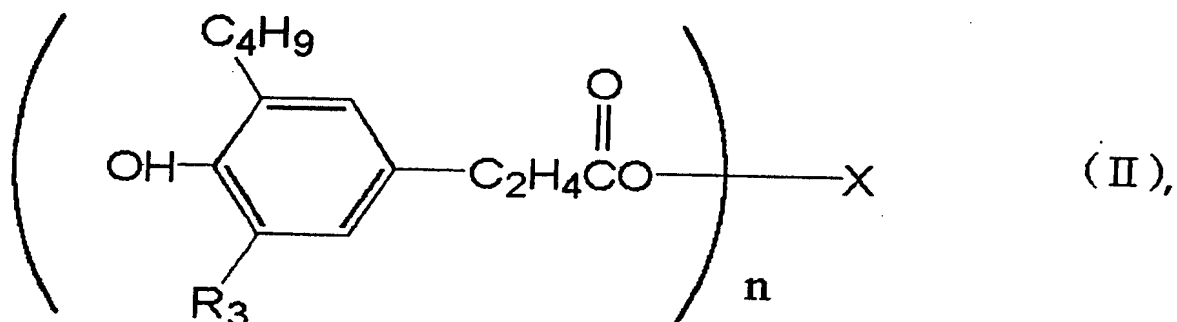
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# APPENDIX

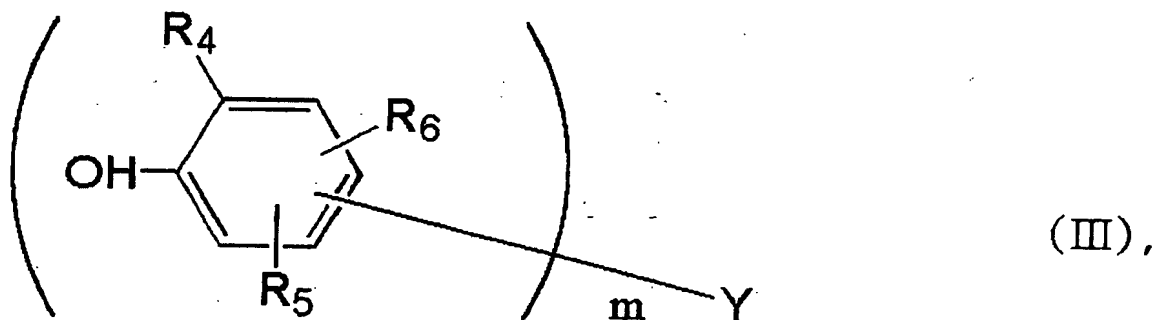
Amendments to the Specification:

Paragraph beginning at page 5, line 9, through page 6:

The present invention is characterized in that a hindered phenol antioxidant of (A) and an amide represented by the above general formula (I) are compound compounded. The hindered phenol antioxidant of (A) includes, for example, at least one phenol antioxidant selected from the group of compounds represented by the following general formula (II) or (III):



[,] wherein  $\text{R}_3$  represents an alkyl group having 1 to 8 carbon atoms;  $n$  represents an integer of 1 to 4; and  $\text{X}$  represents an  $n$ -valent alcohol residue, having 1 to 18 carbon atoms, which may optionally contain hetero atom and/or cyclic group,



[,] wherein  $R_4$  represents an alkyl group having 1 to 8 carbon atoms;  $R_5$  and  $R_6$  independently represent a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group, having 1 to 8 carbon atoms, which may optionally contain hetero atom;  $m$  represents an integer of 1 to 3;  $y$  represents an  $m$ -valent group, and when  $m$  is 1, it represents a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group, having 1 to 18 carbon atoms, which may optionally contain hetero atom, when  $m$  is 2, it represents a sulfur atom, an oxygen atom or an alkylidene having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, and when  $m$  is 3, it represents an isocyanuric acid- $N,N',N''$ -trimethylene group or a 1,3,5-trimethylbenzene-2,4,6-trimethylene group.